

## CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS FIRE BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES PIKES PEAK REGIONAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2880 INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE February 8, 2019 – 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Present Fire Board of Appeals Members (5): Industry Represented:

Vince Colarelli

Dean Doiron, Vice Chair (Departing)

David Helmer John Putnam

Christine Riggs, Vice Chair (Incumbent)

Roger Wallace, Chair

Not Present Fire Board of Appeals Member

Construction Citizen at Large

Large Business

Insurance Architecture

Fire Suppression

Industry Represented: Vacant: **Small Business** 

Present Fire Board of Appeals Secretary Representing:

Brett Lacey, Fire Marshal Colorado Springs Fire Department

Participatory Attendee(s): Representing:

Colorado Springs Fire Department Katha Snow, Compliance Coordinator Dee Withee, Fire Protection Engineer Colorado Springs Fire Department

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Roger Wallace called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

- 1. Review January 11, 2019's Fire Board of Appeals (FBA) Meeting Minutes
  - A. FBA Board Member (Board Member) Colarelli, "Make a motion we approve." Motion seconded by Board Member Doiron. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0-0

6 - Colarelli, Doiron, Helmer, Putnam, Riggs, Wallace Aye:

0 - None Nay: Abstain: 0 - None 0 - None Absent:

- 1. Contractor Licensing
  - A. Fire Alarm Contractor (FAC) A

**Business Name: Vulcan Fire & Security LLC** 

**Principal Officers: Todd Wagner** 

**Craig Simonds** 

Craig J. Simonds Licensee: RME: Todd A. Wagner

FM Lacey reported that the applicant meets Pikes Peak Regional Building Code's FAC A licensing requirements. FM Lacey recommended approval.

# Board Member Doiron, "Motion we approve." Motion seconded by Board Member Colarelli.

Motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0-0

Aye: 6 – Colarelli, Doiron, Helmer, Putnam, Riggs, and Wallace

Nay: 0 – None Abstain: 0 – None Absent: 0 – None

#### B. Fire Alarm Contractor (FAC) B

i. Business Name: Piper Electric Co., Inc. Principal Officer: John D. Doherty, President

Licensee: Andrey S. Glushko RME: Andrey S. Glushko

ii. Business Name: Legacy Fire & Safety LLC

Principal Officers: Oleksandr Chepura

Oksana Chepura

Licensee: Oleksandr Chepura RME: Oleksandr Chepura

FM Lacey reported that both applicants meet Pikes Peak Regional Building Code's FAC B licensing requirements. FM Lacey recommended approval.

Board Member Colarelli, "Motion we approve." Motion seconded by Board Member Helmer.

Motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0-0

Aye: 6 – Colarelli, Doiron, Helmer, Putnam, Riggs, and Wallace

Nay: 0 - NoneAbstain: 0 - NoneAbsent: 0 - None

#### C. Fire Suppression Contractor (FSC) A

i. Business Name: Tri County Fire Protection, Inc.

**Principal Officers: Jason Uhrich** 

**Chris Uhrich** 

Licensee: Jason G. Uhrich RME: Jason G. Uhrich

FM Lacey reported that the applicant meets Pikes Peak Regional Building Code's FSC A licensing requirements. FM Lacey recommended approval.

Vice Chair Riggs, "Motion we approve." Motion seconded by Board Member Doiron.

Motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0-0

Aye: 6 – Colarelli, Doiron, Helmer, Putnam, Riggs, and Wallace

Nay: 0 – None Abstain: 0 – None Absent: 0 – None

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. Follow-Up Business from January 11, 2019's FBA Meeting
  - A. The Jan Zabinski 1622 Cheyenne Boulevard appeal FM Lacey Presenter:

Brett Lacey, Fire Marshal

On behalf of Fire Protection Engineer (FPD) Dee Withee, Fire Marshal Lacey stated that the manufacturer of the ignition resistant material that was approved for application on the Zabinski's residential deck is considered permanent after one application. Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD) is comfortable with one application.

Board Member Colarelli asked if this is "a class A fire rating." FPE Withee stated that the material was subjected to the "ASTM E84 Tunnel Test." Therefore, the product does have a class A flame spread rating.

 Boards and Commissions Discussion (drafts of changes to FBA' code language and their rules of procedures) – FM Lacey on behalf of Attorney Stein Presenter:

Brett Lacey, Fire Marshal

On behalf of Attorney Stein, Fire Marshal Lacey provided an update on the technical issues resulting from interpretation of the new ordinance's language. Upon clarification from the City Attorney's Office, Attorney Stein reports that his interpretation of the new ordinance's language was contested. It was determined that current members who have served two consecutive terms will be term limited when their term expires; however, after stepping down for one term, the member may apply to sit on the board again.

FM Lacey stated that the possibility of rewriting FBA' code language in order to accommodate the board's needs is in question; therefore, increasing FBA' composition to nine members is on hold until the ordinance is clearly defined. These issues continue to be researched by City attorneys as well as by City Council's administrative staff. The lack of direction with the ordinance is impacting many of the City's boards and committees, and Attorney Stein will provide an update during the next meeting.

FM Lacey explained that until term limits and their effective date is well defined, consideration by members wanting to seek an additional term are held off. Board Member Colarelli asked who is at risk. FM Lacey stated Vice Chair Rigg's second term expires soon and Chair Wallace and Board Member Helmer live outside City limits. After passing the ordinance, Chair Wallace's re-appointment was approved by council, which also contributes to the confusion. FM Lacey expressed that licensing and appeal processes will be affected if FBA cannot meet voting requirements.

Board Member Putnam asked what drove the new ordinance, to which FM Lacey answered that he does not know.

Chair Wallace requested that FM Lacey ask if a person qualifies to be on a board if they own property within the City. FM Lacey stated that he understands and supports the request; however, when the question was previously presented, Attorney Stein answered that a person must reside within Colorado Springs. FM Lacey acknowledged that these updates are creating more questions than finite answers and hopes that during the next meeting more definitive information will be reported.

## **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Board Member Colarelli, seconded by Board Member Putnam. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0-0-0

Aye: 6 – Colarelli, Doiron, Helmer, Putnam, Riggs, and Wallace

Nay: 0 - None Abstain: 0 - None Absent: 0 - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brett T. Lacey Fire Marshal